



# Redistribution of lunar polar water to mid-latitudes and its role in forming an OH veneer – Revisited

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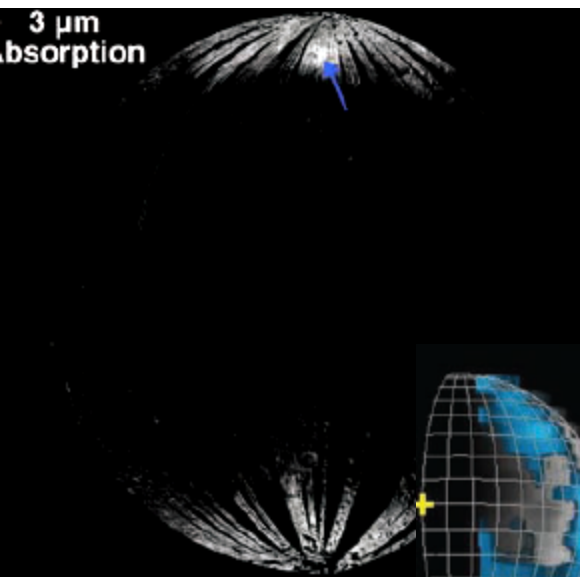
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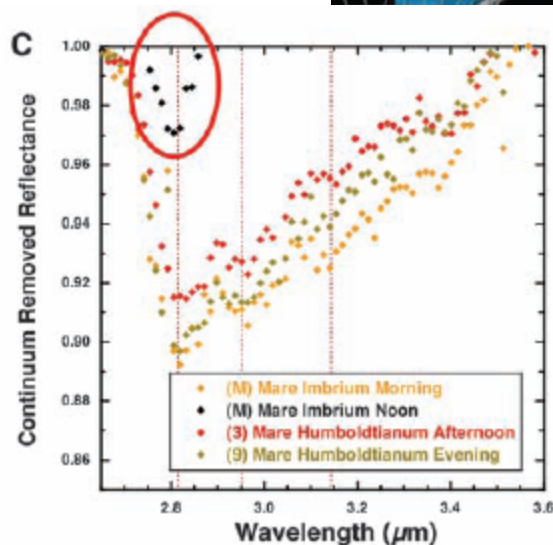


# 2009! – The Discovery of an OH Mid-Latitude Veneer



Pieters et al [2009]

- Publication of Chandrayaan-1 M<sup>3</sup> [Pieters et al., 2009], Cassini VIMS [Clark et al. 2009], and EPOXI HRI-IR [Sunshine et al., 2009] IR observations of OH/water content in near-surface of regolith
- Observe an IR absorption feature near 3 micron in reflectance spectra



Clark et al [2009]

Sunshine et al [2009]

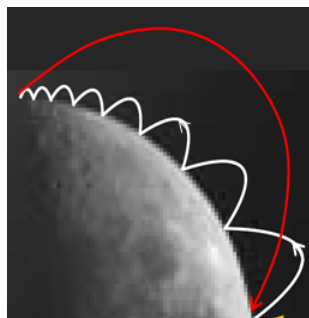
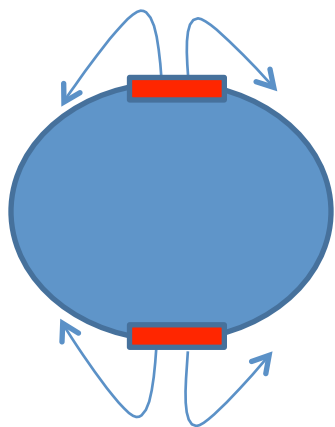
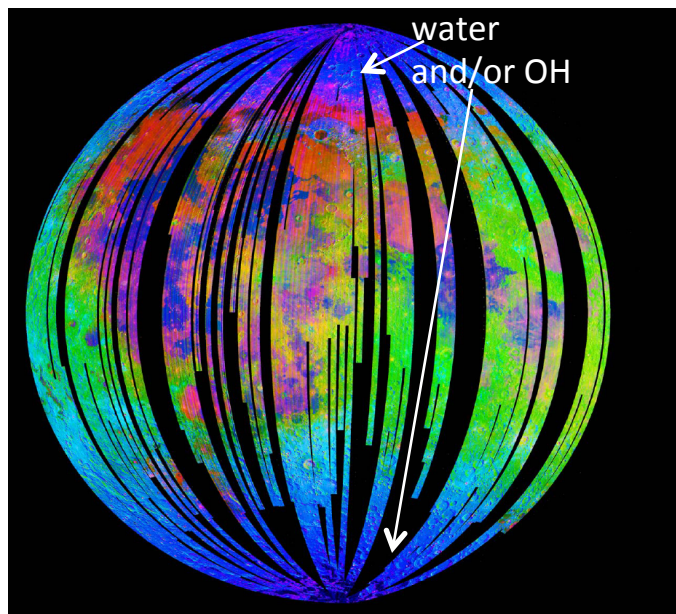
# What are the possible sources of the non-polar water ?

(from McCord et al., 2011)

- OH in minerals (evolving view) e.g., 1000's of ppm of OH/W in lunar apatite samples [McCubbin et al., 2010], but possibly not present in significant abundances...small fraction of surface
- Cometary & Meteoric infall – some meteorites have OH bearing material
- Solar wind conversion: Energetic protons implanted into an oxygen-rich regolith [Pieters et al., 2009; Clark et al., 2009; Sunshine et al, 2009]
  - OH from implanting, OH-OH interaction release  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (and  $\text{H}_2$ ) [Poston et al. LPSC, 2012]
  - OH from implanting, but energy from  $\mu$ -meteoroid converts to water [Vondrak and Crider, 2003]
  - However, solar wind is also a sputtering loss for saturated and icy surfaces

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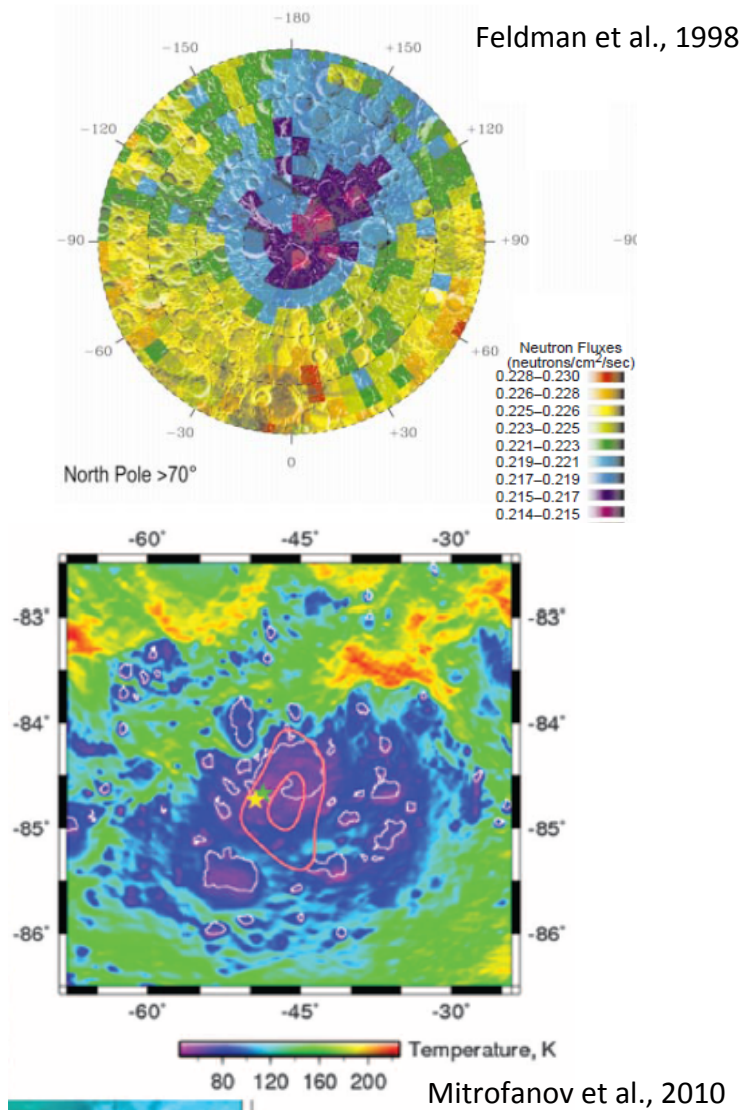
Clark et al, 2010



- Could icy regolith within polar craters be a dynamic source for this water veneer at mid-latitudes?
- Space environmental erosion (sputtering, impact vaporization) energetically ejects water molecules to mid-latitudes
- **Redistribution** of polar water
- Explore this hypothesis via water budget analysis



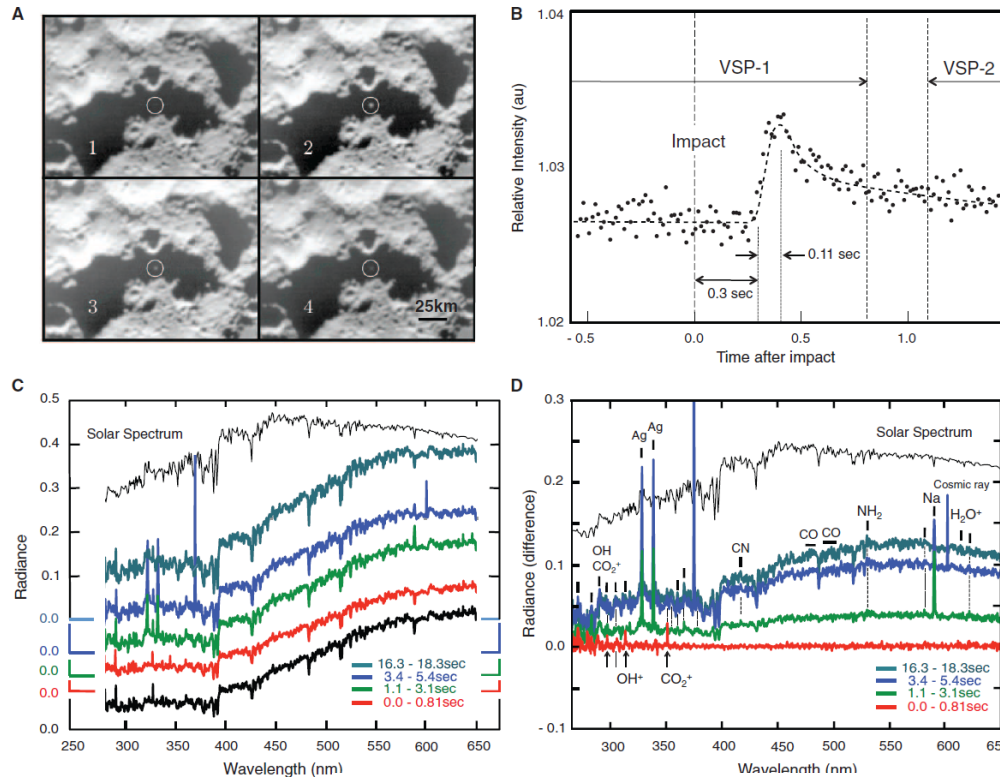
# Water in Lunar Polar Cold Traps



- Lunar Prospector Neutron Spectrometer: epithermal neutron reduction indication of H-bearing minerals (Feldman et al., 1998)
- Statistically significant reduction in lunar polar regions
- LRO/LEND (Mitrofanov et al., 2010) Neutron Suppressed Regions
  - Statistically significant NSRs in Cabeus and Shoemaker
  - H content at 300- 500 ppm
- Presence of water validated (and then some) via LCROSS

# LCROSS 2009 Impact

Schultz et al 2010



- Revealed water ice and vapor in plume at about ~ 5%wt

-Plume rich in other species

-In fact, more water than LP and LEND would suggest...

-Attempt for reconciliation by Elphic et al. [2011] "Did LCROSS get lucky?"

Science 2010 set:

Colaprete et al

Schultz et al

Gladstone et al

Haynes et al

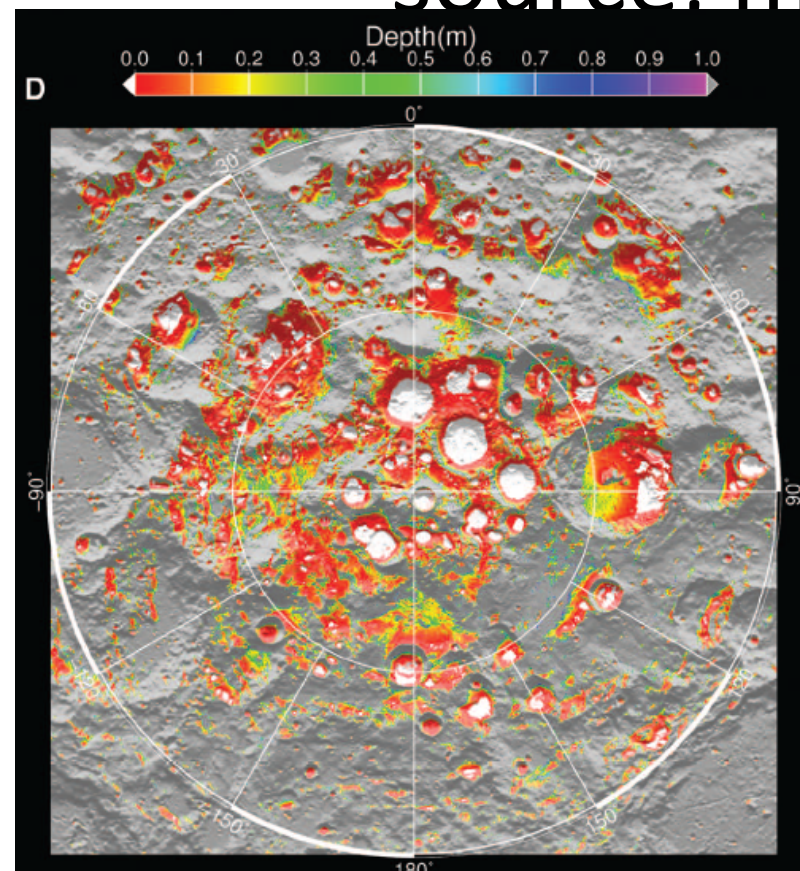
Paige et al

Kerr review

**Table 1.** Summary of the total water vapor and ice and ejecta dust in the NIR instrument FOV. Values shown are the average value across the averaging period, and errors are 1 SD.

| Water mass (kg) |            |            |                |               |
|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Time (s)        | Gas        | Ice        | Dust mass (kg) | Total water % |
| 0–23            | 82.4 ± 25  | 58.5 ± 8.2 | 3148 ± 787     | 4.5 ± 1.4     |
| 23–30           | 24.5 ± 8.1 | 131 ± 8.3  | 2434 ± 609     | 6.4 ± 1.7     |
| 123–180         | 52.5 ± 2.6 | 15.8 ± 2.2 | 942.5 ± 236    | 7.2 ± 1.9     |
| Average         | 53 ± 15    | 68 ± 10    | 2175 ± 544     | 5.6 ± 2.9     |

Given the complicated polar crater source, make two models:



- Model #1 – Surficial and subsurface ice/regolith mix at 0.1%wt water
- Model #2- Buried ice/regolith mix at 5%wt water
- Water only within polar craters:  $A \sim 10^{10}/\text{m}^2$  (in SP, it's the combined area of larger craters)

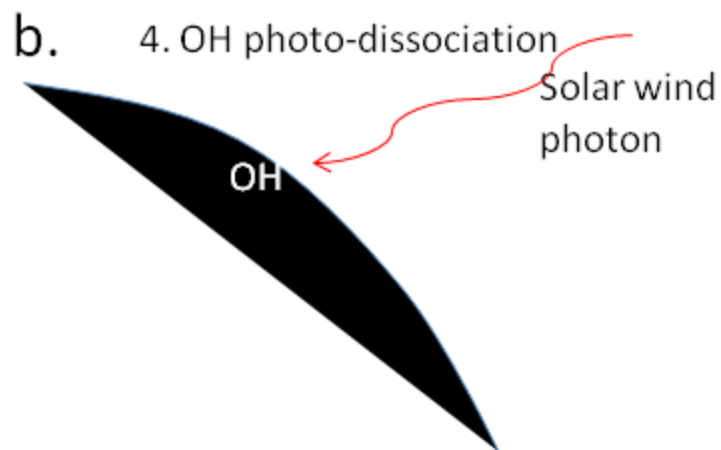
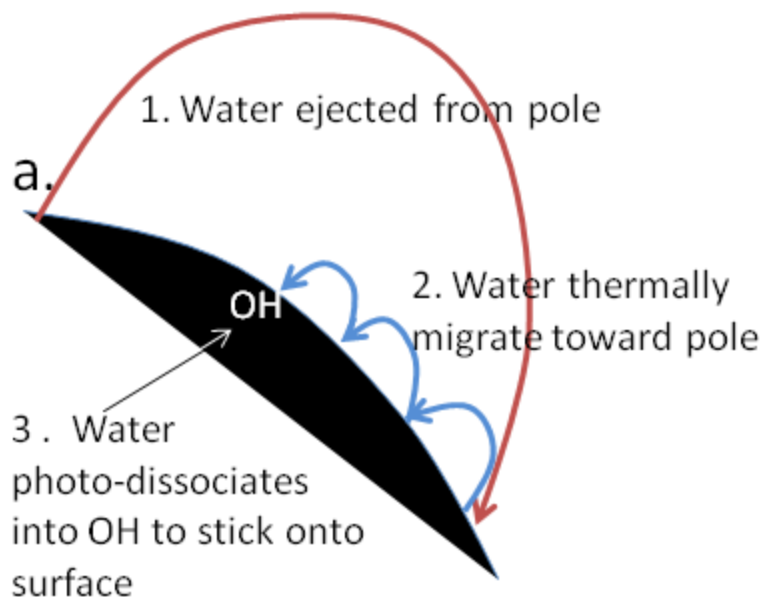
Water Thermal Stability Model

Paige et al 2010

White areas= water stable at surface

Orange areas= water stable in first 10 cm

# Polar Water Fountain Concept





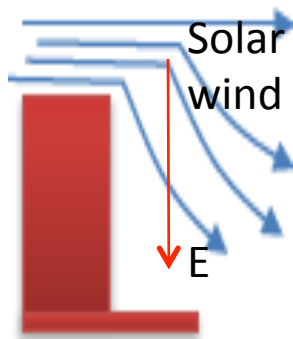
# Processes that weather & liberate icy-regolith in polar craters (Model #1)

- **Sputtering** –  $\sim 1$  keV proton yield for 0.1%wt water is  $Y \sim 10^{-3}$  [Johnson, 1990], ion flux defined by polar crater SW inflow models [Zimmerman et al., 2011]
- **Electron Stimulated Desorption** – Thrower et al. [2010] provided cross-sections (yield determined for water at 0.1%) , electron flux defined by polar crater SW inflow models [Zimmerman et al. 2011]
- **Photon (Lyman - $\alpha$ ) Stimulated Desorption** – Thrower et al. [2010] also provided cross sections (yield determined for water at 0.1%), apply flux from background Ly- $\alpha$  [Gladstone et al., 2012]
- **Impact Vaporization-** Micro-meteoroid yield is typically  $10^{-15}$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>-s [Cintala, 1992]. For 0.1% icy-regolith, water outflux at  $3 \times 10^7$  H<sub>2</sub>O/s/m<sup>2</sup>-s

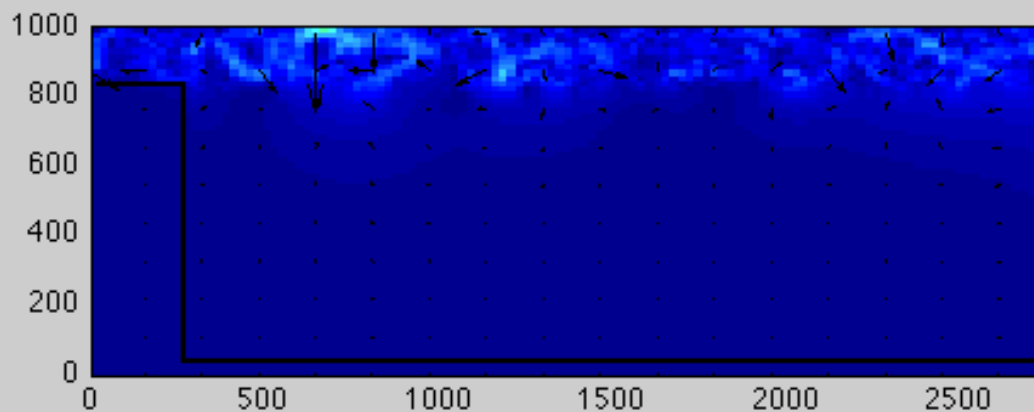
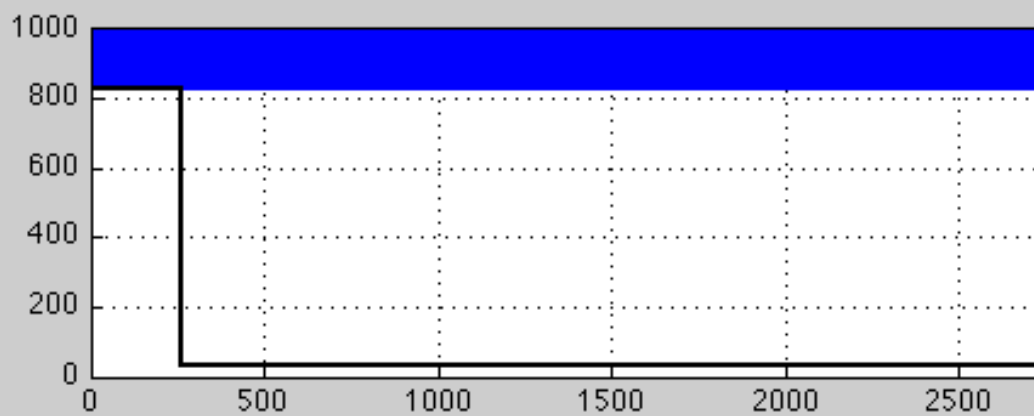
# Example: Sputtering: Polar Crater Solar Wind Inflow

Horizontally-flowing solar wind deflected into polar craters via ambipolar E-fields  
Zimmerman et al. 2011 and 2012

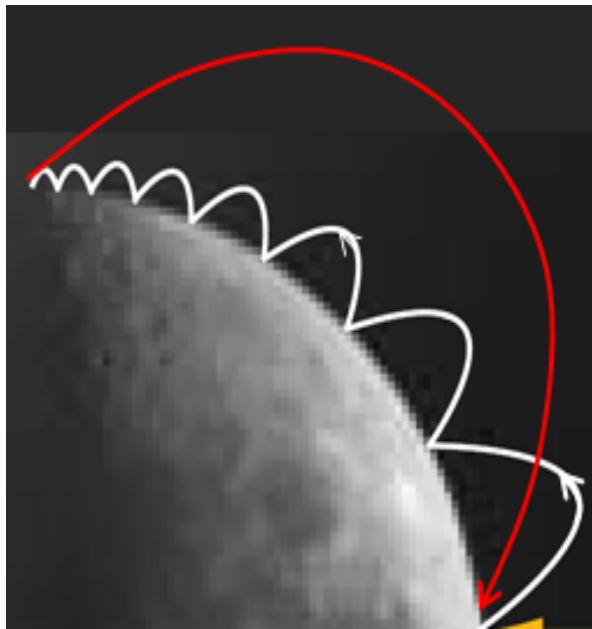
- Electrons move in ahead of ions
- Create ambipolar E
- E drives ion in



These deflected ions now a sputtering source



# Energization and Transport Mechanisms



Modification of Vondrak and Crider (2003) figure

- Eject: Sputtering
  - $1/E^2$  energy
  - Escape, but some H<sub>2</sub>O's will be ballistic
  - Solar wind ions at oblique angles
  - polar craters: ion flux can be reduced 1/10000
  - Penetration < 100 Angstroms in depth
- Eject: Impact Vaporization
  - $T \sim 4000\text{K}$
  - Eject water at  $v \sim 2\text{km/sec}$
  - $\sim 400\text{ km}$  altitude,
  - $\sim 800\text{ km}$  in one hop
  - Ability to excavate deeper into regolith
- Return: Thermal migration (Butler, 1997; Crider and Vondrak, 2000)
- Very dynamic situation

# Processes that weather icy-regolith in polar craters (Model #1)

0.1%wt water icy-regolith at surface

|                                  | Yield (H <sub>2</sub> O/event)    | F (1/m <sup>2</sup> -s)        | S = YFA <sub>s</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>s</sub> /s) <sup>4</sup> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| SW Ion Sputtering                | 10 <sup>-3</sup> <sup>5</sup>     | < 2 x 10 <sup>11</sup>         | 3 x 10 <sup>18</sup>   |
| ESD                              | 2x 10 <sup>-5</sup> <sup>1</sup>  | < 10 <sup>12</sup>             | < 2 x 10 <sup>17</sup>   |
| PSD Cosmic Ly-α                  | 2x 10 <sup>-6</sup> <sup>1</sup>  | 5 x 10 <sup>12</sup>           | 10 <sup>17</sup>   |
| Impact Vaporization <sup>2</sup> | 3 x 10 <sup>14</sup> <sup>3</sup> | ~10 <sup>-7</sup> <sup>3</sup> | 3 x 10 <sup>17</sup> <sup>2</sup>                                    |

1. Cross section from Thrower et al, 2010; ; Surface density (n<sup>2/3</sup>) for 0.1%wt icy regolith
2. Cintala 1992, total vaporization at 10<sup>-16</sup> g/cm<sup>2</sup>-s; into regolith with 0.1%wt of this is water
3. Cintala 1992, yield and flux for the 10<sup>-8</sup> g impactor; the peak in impactor vapor flux
4. Polar Cap Source Area = 10<sup>10</sup> m<sup>2</sup>
5. Weighted Yield for water from 0.1%wt icy regolith

Note: Yield of PSD in pocket with discussion section of Gladstone et al [2012]



# Processes that weather icy-regolith in polar craters (Model #2 – Buried layer)

- Assume a 5%wt icy-regolith at depth,  $d$
- We require any impact of penetrate to  $2d$  to get well into the icy layer
- For nominal impactor speed of  $\sim 10$  km/sec, crude estimate is  $M_{\text{vapor}} \sim M_{\text{impactor}}$  [Cintala, 1992]
- Crater depth-to-impactor diameter  $\sim 9$  [Gault, 1972] so estimate impactor radius as  $r_i = d/9$
- Look at layer depths of 3, 20, and 50 cm being impacted by  $4 \times 10^{-4}$  kg, 0.1 kg, and 1.7 kg capable of penetrating to depth of 6, 40, and 100 cm respectively
- Yield of water:  $Y^{\text{water}}_i \sim 4C\rho_p r_i^3 / m_w$ , where water content in vapor,  $C$  is  $\sim 0.02$

# Processes that weather icy-regolith in polar craters (Model #2)

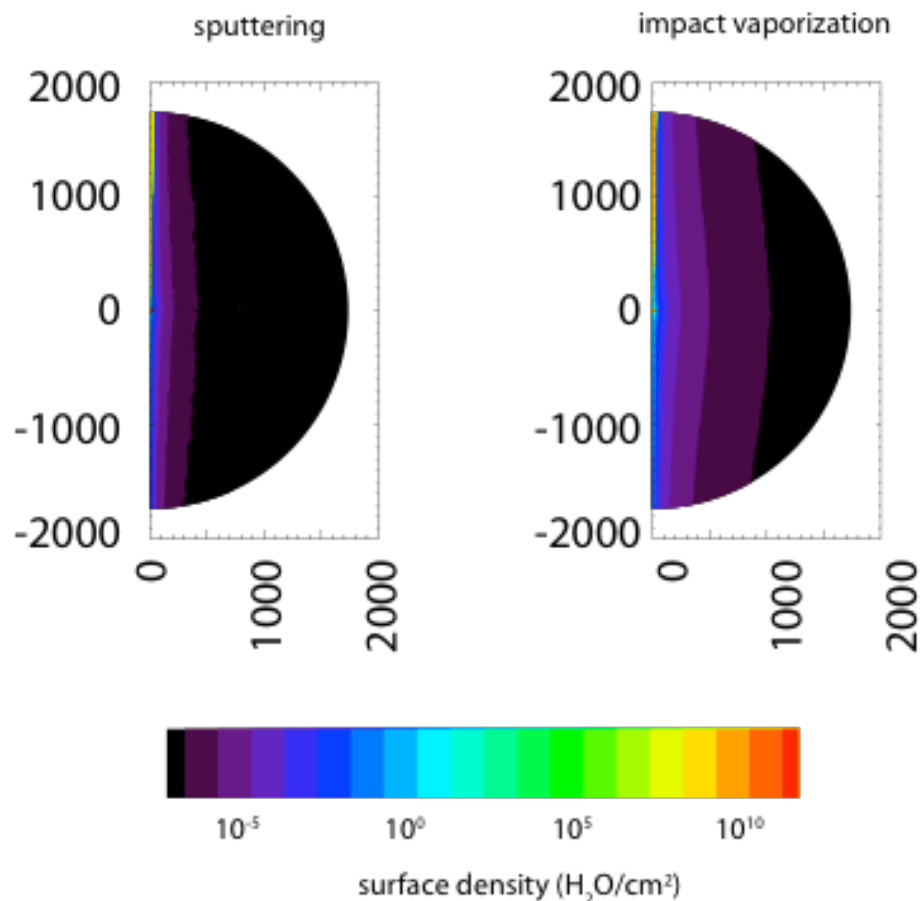
A layer of icy-regolith of 5%wt water buried at depth,  $d$

|                     | Ice Layer Depth (cm) | Impactor Depth (cm) | Yield ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{impact event}$ ) | $F$ ( $1/\text{m}^2\text{-s}$ ) | $S = YFA_s^3$ ( $\text{H}_2\text{Os/s}$ ) |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| Impact Vaporization | 3                    | 6                   | $2.4 \times 10^{20} \quad ^1$                      | $3 \times 10^{-14} \quad ^2$    | $7 \times 10^{16}$                        |
| Impact Vaporization | 20                   | 40                  | $7 \times 10^{22} \quad ^1$                        | $3 \times 10^{-17} \quad ^2$    | $2 \times 10^{16}$                        |
| Impact Vaporization | 50                   | 100                 | $1 \times 10^{24} \quad ^1$                        | $10^{-18} \quad ^2$             | $1 \times 10^{16}$                        |

1. Assuming an impact depth-to-diameter ratio = 9 [Gault, 72];  $M_{\text{vapor}} \sim M_{\text{impactor}}$  (Cintala, 1992)
2. Impact flux from Fig 5 of Meyer-Vernet et al (2009)
3. Polar Cap Source Area =  $10^{10} \text{ m}^2$

Mildly decreasing  $S$  rate with depth

# Monte Carlo Model of Veneer



- For S flux of  $10^{19}$  water/s
- For  $F_w \sim 3 \times 10^6 \text{ H}_2\text{Os}/\text{m}^2\text{-s}$
- A water surface residency time of 0.5 microseconds
- Instantaneous water surface veneer has a value of  $\sim 1 \text{ H}_2\text{Os}/\text{m}^2$  (or  $10^{-4}/\text{cm}^2$ ).
- Compare the M<sup>3</sup>: Get a correct-looking spatial distribution but concentration levels too low (by a factor of over 1000)

# Conclusions

- The environment does extract volatiles from the polar crater surface, but not by thermal processes like sublimation (thermal desorption)
- Instead relying on more violent processes like impact vaporization and sputtering to provide the required heat/energy for molecular transport.
- IV and sputtering are additional loss processes to consider beyond PSD by Lyman- $\alpha$
- Polar water fountain CANNOT account of  $M^3$  IR water veneer, but 'redistribution' provides some contribution at a smaller level
- LADEE can look for UV signature of released polar water flow

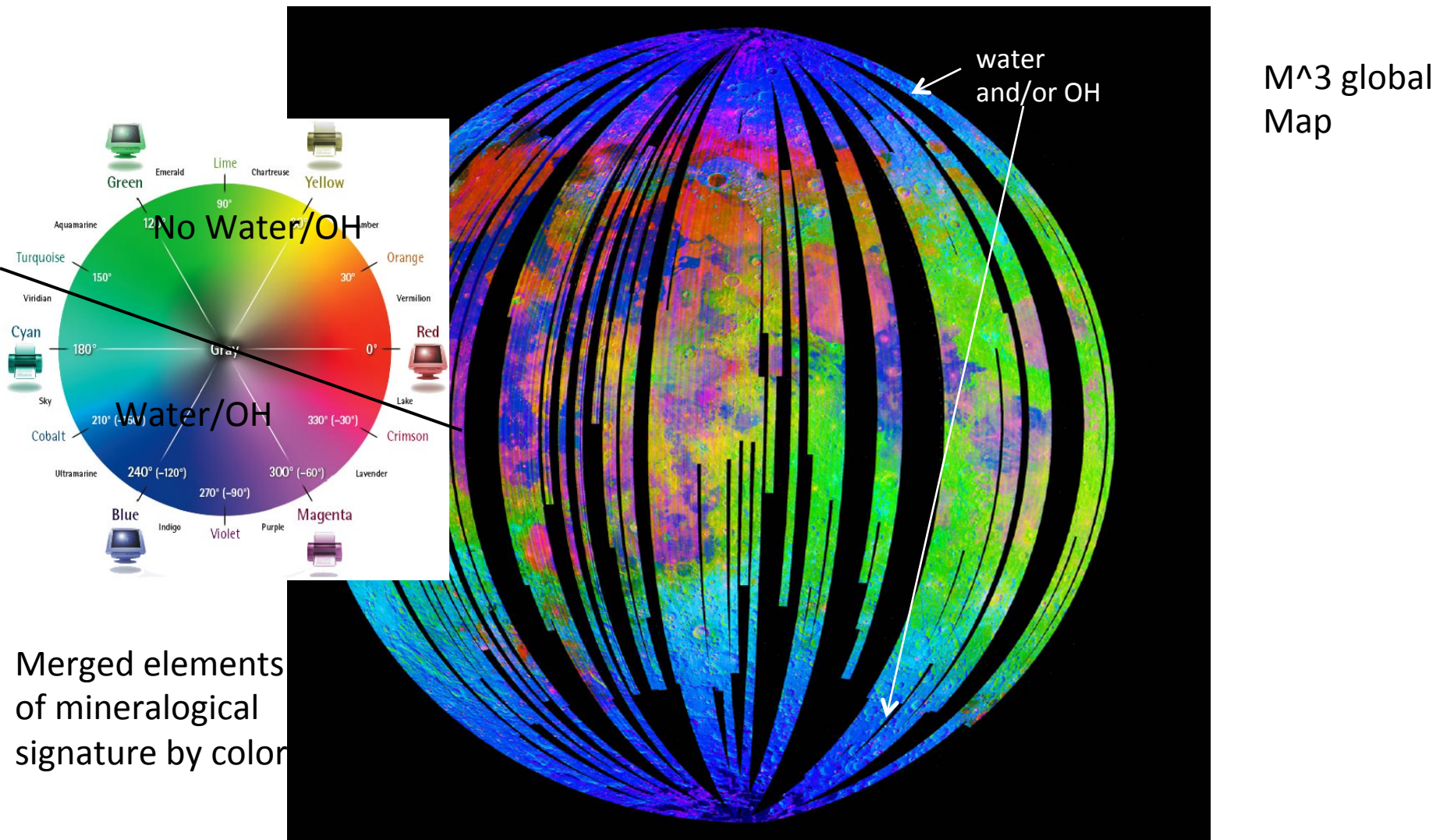


# Backups

- Mike, delete the backups if you want – or you can add them to the talk as you need...
- Thanks! b

- Hurley example
- Difference in OH and H<sub>2</sub>O spatial distributions
- Nightside water collection

Clark et al, 2010



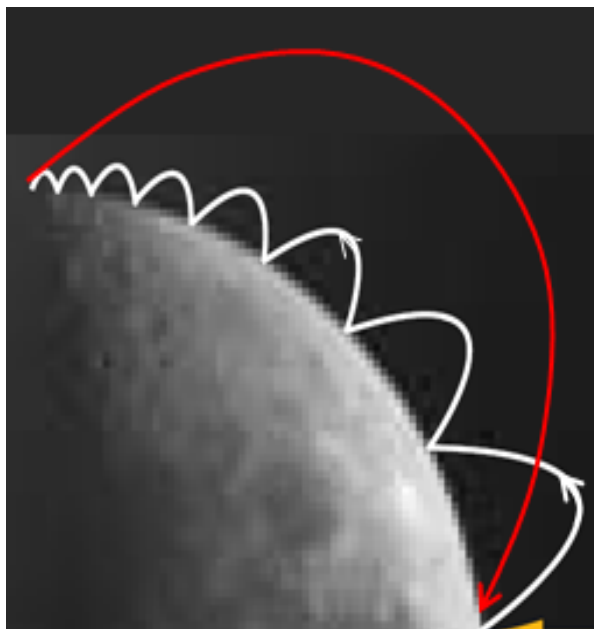
A Work of Art! - object space, negative space

# LADEE Water/OH search

- Help constrain the big picture
- If water tied to mineralogy – see little/no exospheric water
- If water manufactured dynamically, LADEE might sense

## For polar source scenario:

- Should expect water and OH molecules in an exosphere
- Energetic flow out of pole
- Thermalized flow into pole
- UVS can detect OH, OH<sup>+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup>



Modification of Vondrak and Crider (2003) figure

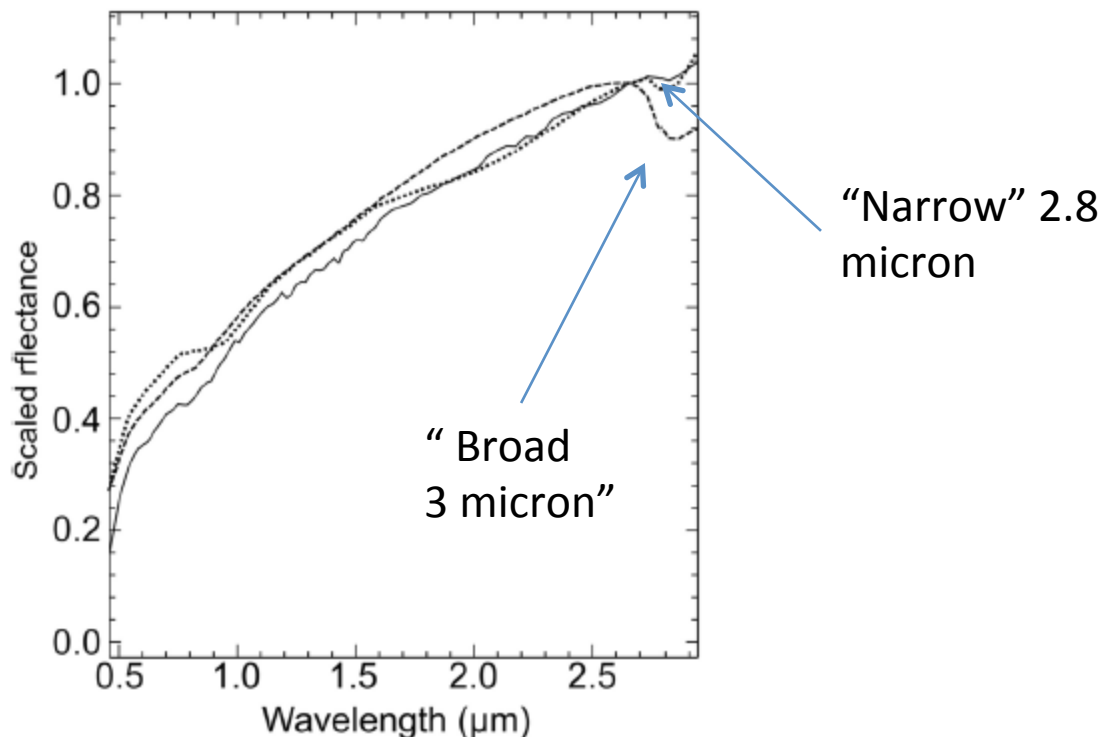


# Outline

- Brief review of recent IR observations of water and OH at the Moon
- Suggested sources of non-polar water
- A special look dyslectic nature of solar wind water creation/destruction
- Observations and models of polar water in cold traps
- Polar crater space weathering mechanisms
- Polar crater volatile loss & transport
- Polar fountain 'rain' to mid-latitudes
- LADEE!
- Conclusions

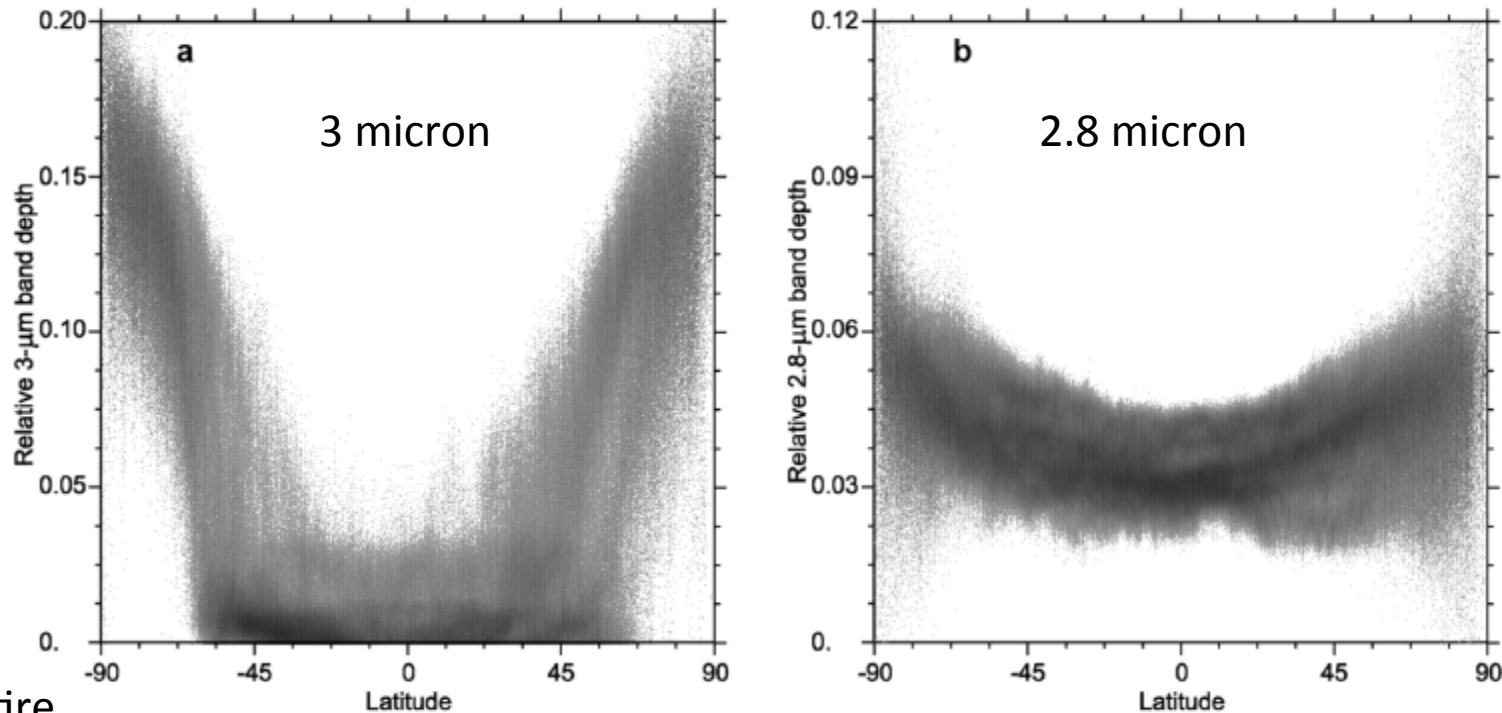
# McCord et al. 2011, M<sup>3</sup>

M-cubed  
Reflectance  
Spectrum



**Figure 6.** Examples of the narrower 2.8  $\mu\text{m}$  (dotted line) and broader 3  $\mu\text{m}$  (dashed line) absorption features in the overall M<sup>3</sup> Moon reflectance spectrum. The third spectrum (solid line) is for a mature highlands soil from a region where these absorptions are weak.

# McCord et al. 2011, M<sup>3</sup>



“Entire  
M<sup>3</sup>  
data set”

Figure 8. The strength of (left) the 3 μm versus (right) the 2.8 μm absorption features versus lunar latitude. Clearly, the behavior is different between the two absorptions. The 3 μm feature is concentrated at high latitudes and is mostly absent (as we measure it) below about 45°, with many pixels at or near zero strength and plotted on the horizontal axis. The 2.8 μm feature is present nearly everywhere with a distinct sinusoid dependence on latitude.

Water?

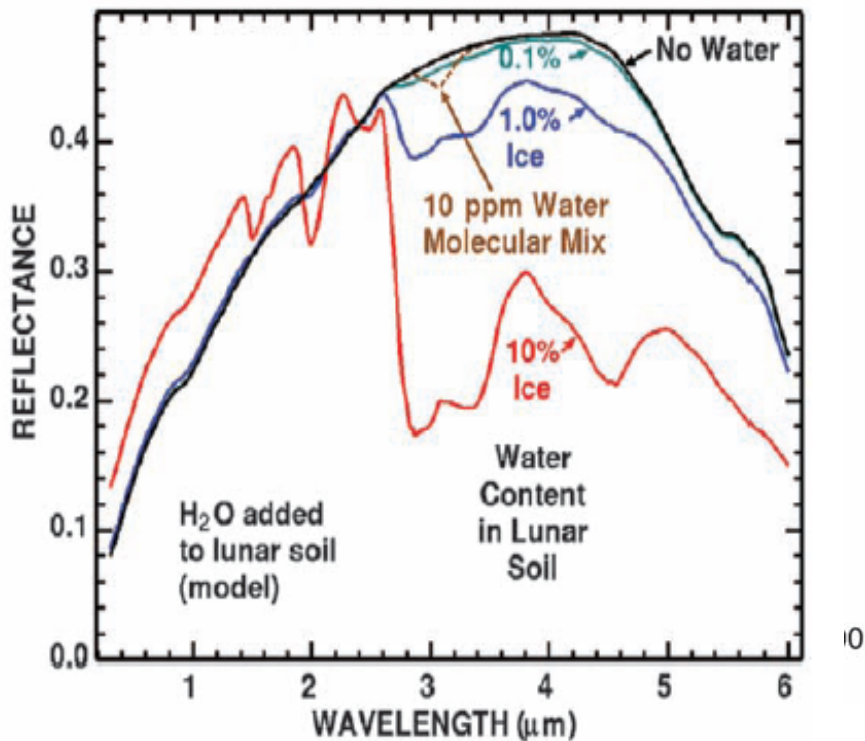
OH?

Vibration of stretched OH bonds also possible  
Limited to higher latitudes

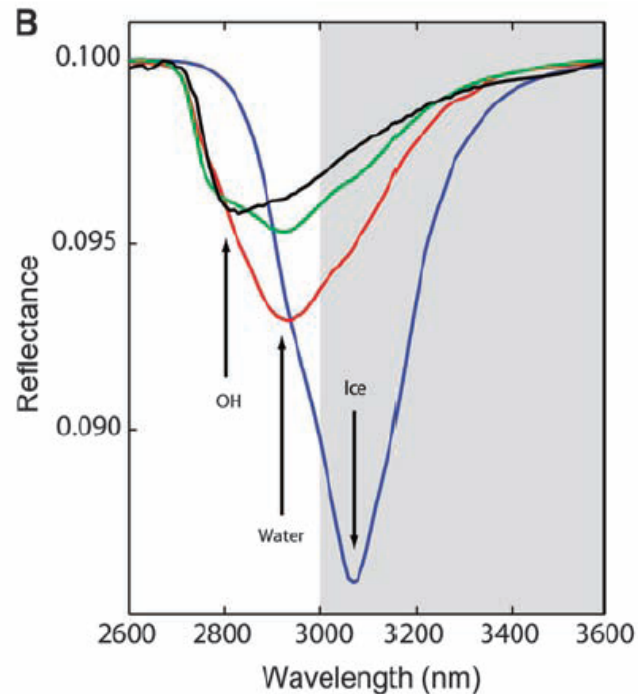
All latitudes

# How much water is the IR detecting?

**Fig. 3.** Radiative transfer models of water and hydroxyl-bearing minerals in different conditions and amounts on a model of Apollo 16 soil (containing no water or hydroxyl absorptions). Different scattering conditions and water abundances change the strength of the 3- $\mu$ m water absorption.



Clark et al, 2009



Pieters et al 2009

- Thermal emission correction at lower latitudes/affects weaker absorption features
- Nature of the 'water' – free vs bound
- Path length/grain size



# Dyar et al., 2010 Grain Size & Non-uniqueness

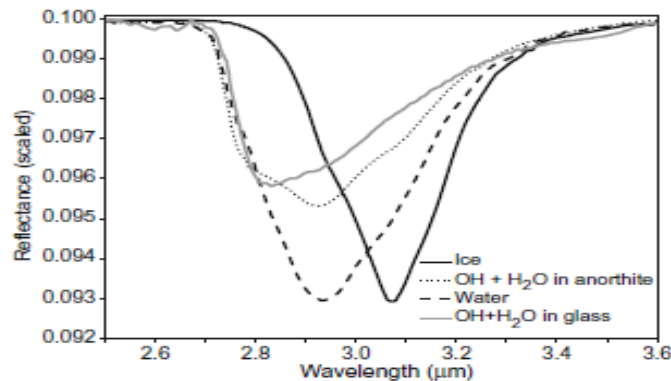
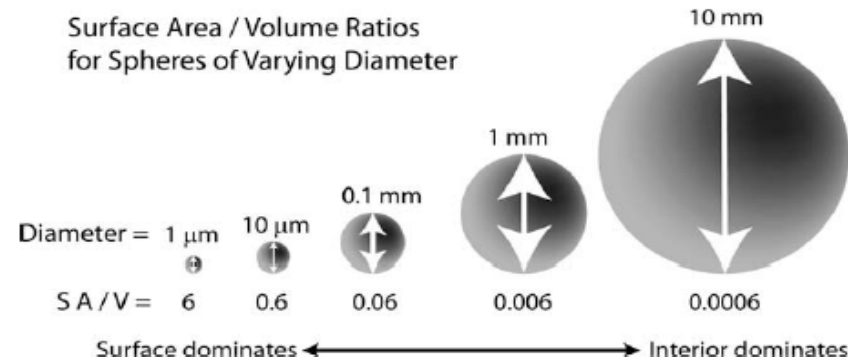


Fig. 4. Contrasting contributions from H<sub>2</sub>O as ice and water as well as OH/H<sub>2</sub>O in anorthite and internal water on the surface of a basaltic lunar glass analog.

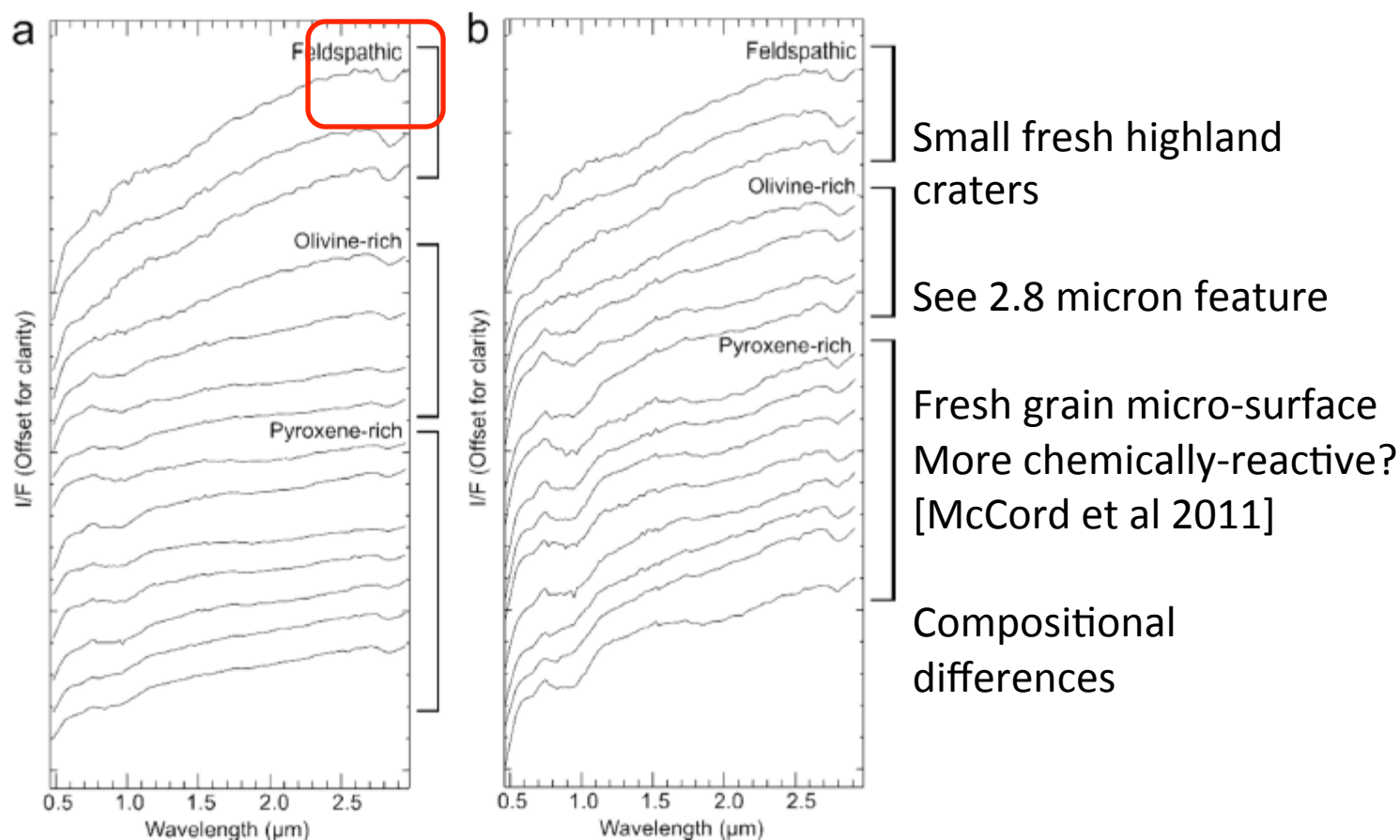


Scenarios for 3-μm bands in reflectance spectra.

| Composition  | Grain size (μm) | % Molar H <sub>2</sub> O in interior | % Molar H <sub>2</sub> O on surface <sup>a</sup> | Sampled % molar abundance H <sub>2</sub> O |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| "Dry" feldspar with adsorbed water                 | Slab            | 0                                    | 0  | 0  |
|  | 200             | 0                                    | 0.003  | 0.003                                      |
|  | 50              | 0                                    | 0.012  | 0.012                                      |
|  | 10              | 0                                    | 0.06   | 0.06                                       |
|  | 1               | 0                                    | 0.6  | 0.6  |
| "Wet" olivine with no adsorbed water               | Slab            | 0.008                                | 0  | 0.008                                      |
|  | 200             | 0.008                                | 0  | 0.008                                      |
|  | 50              | 0.008                                | 0  | 0.008                                      |
|  | 10              | 0.008                                | 0  | 0.008                                      |
|  | 1               | 0.008                                | 0  | 0.008                                      |
| "Wet" pyroxene with adsorbed water                 | Slab            | 0.01                                 | 0  | 0.01                                       |
|  | 200             | 0.01                                 | 0.003  | 0.013                                      |
|  | 50              | 0.01                                 | 0.012  | 0.022                                      |
|  | 10              | 0.01                                 | 0.06   | 0.07                                       |
|  | 1               | 0.01                                 | 0.6  | 0.61                                       |
| Aqueous-altered "dry" meteorite with 1% nontronite | Slab            | 0.036                                | 0  | 0.036                                      |
|  | 200             | 0.036                                | 0.003  | 0.039                                      |
|  | 50              | 0.036                                | 0.012  | 0.048                                      |
|  | 10              | 0.036                                | 0.06   | 0.096                                      |
|  | 1               | 0.036                                | 0.6  | 0.636                                      |

<sup>a</sup> Assumes a monolayer coverage 10 Å thick.

A non-unique set of grain sizes, internal water, and external water that can give a common absorption feature



**Figure 11.** Examples of fresh soil spectra from small fresh craters with various compositions (feldspathic, olivine-rich, and pyroxene-rich) that show absorption feature mostly at 2.8  $\mu\text{m}$ . All these fresh soils are in highland regions, but the compositions vary from normal highlands felspathic to more mare-like mafic (e.g., note 1  $\mu\text{m}$  region absorptions). (a) These regions differ in brightness, ranging from brightest to darkest, top to bottom. (b) However, the spectra have been scaled to have the same reflectance at 2.656  $\mu\text{m}$ , thus normalizing the absorption strengths. No thermal emission has been removed, and no visual evidence of the presence of thermal radiation is apparent.

- xImplications
- xLocal water exosphere over craters & Wooden
- Example –LCROSS impact and gas plume
- xConclude- as discuss this model get to review:  
Water veneer story, solar wind/OH surface, Polar  
crater water story, Space weathering,  
interactions, Plasma expansion process,
- Add Zent and Burke to water story
- Explain difference in water and OH distribution

# Interaction: Plasma/Regolith Interface

SW Ions/Regolith

SW Electrons/Regolith

Deplete/Destroy  
Water/OH



Create/Enhance  
Water and OH

# Interaction: Plasma/Regolith Interface

SW Ions/Regolith

Sputtering

Implantation  
(Starukhina 2006)

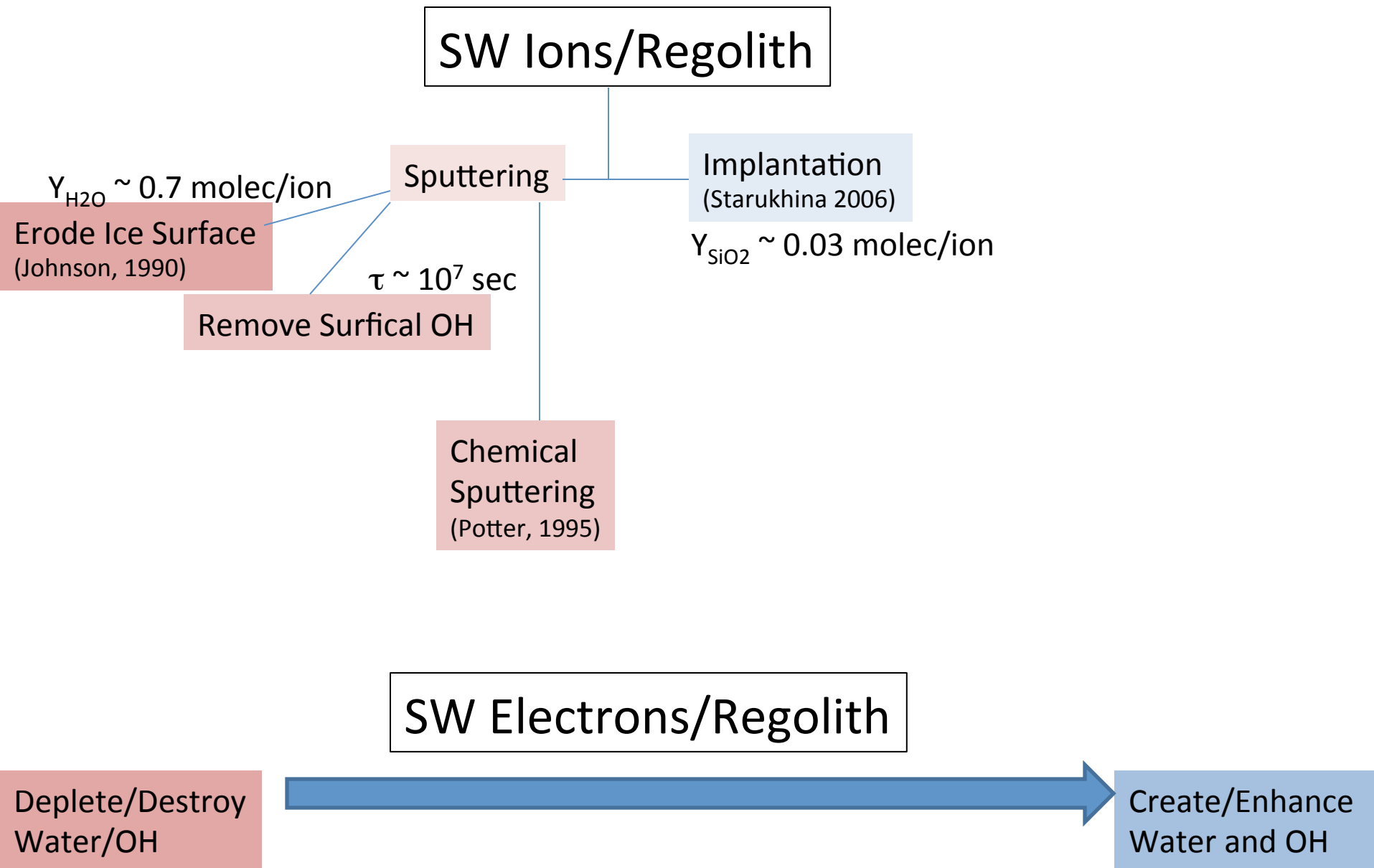
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SW Electrons/Regolith

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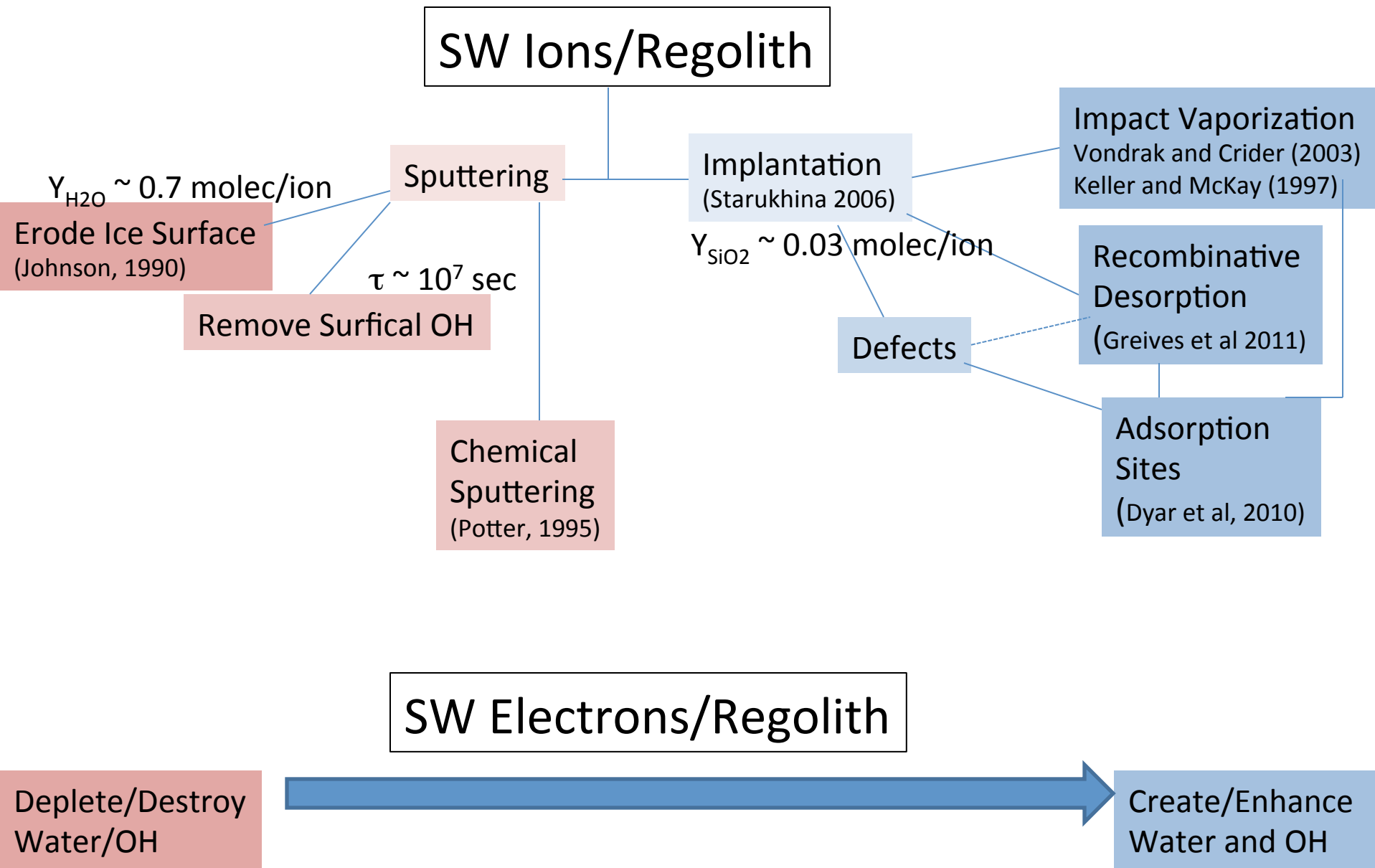
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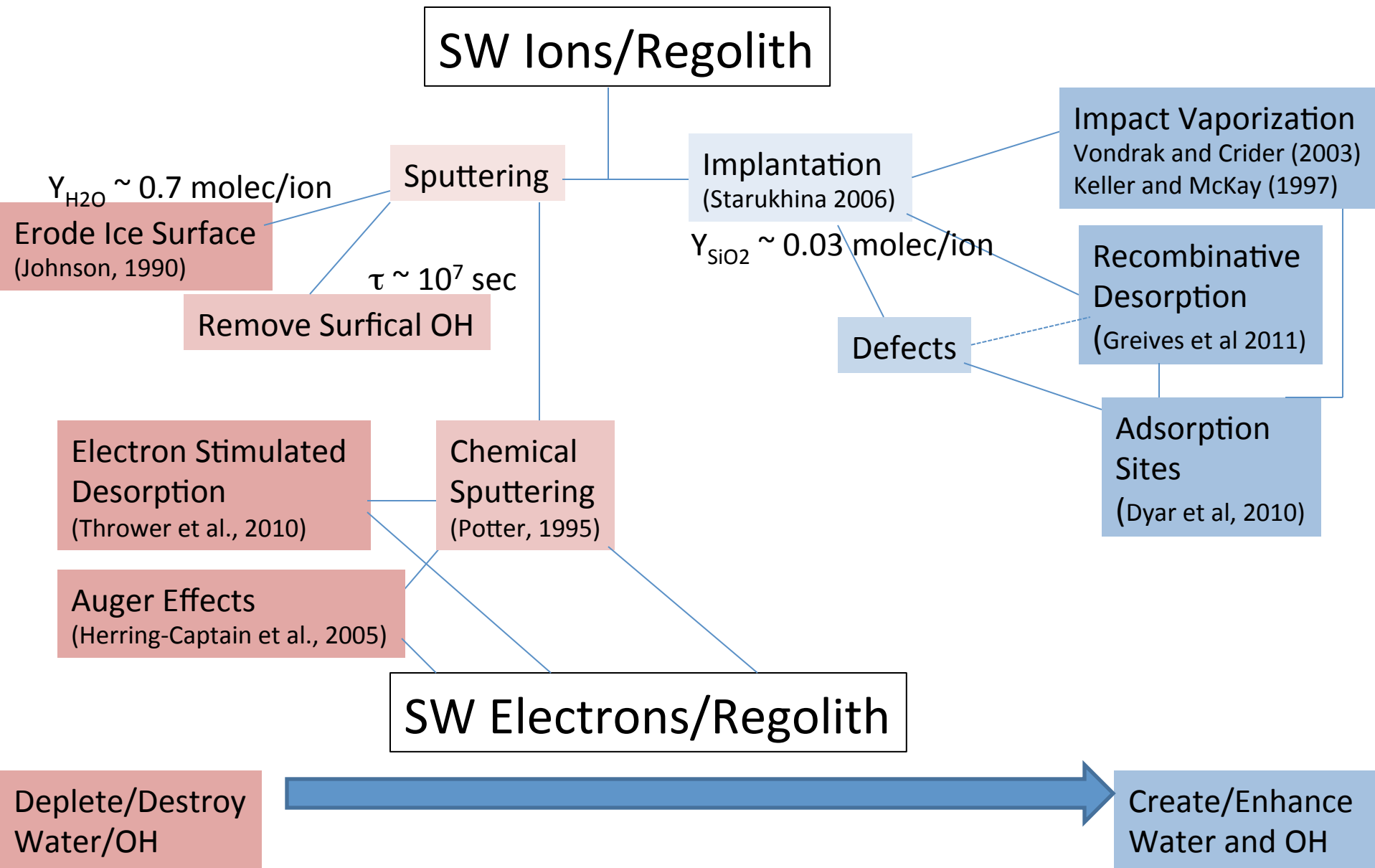




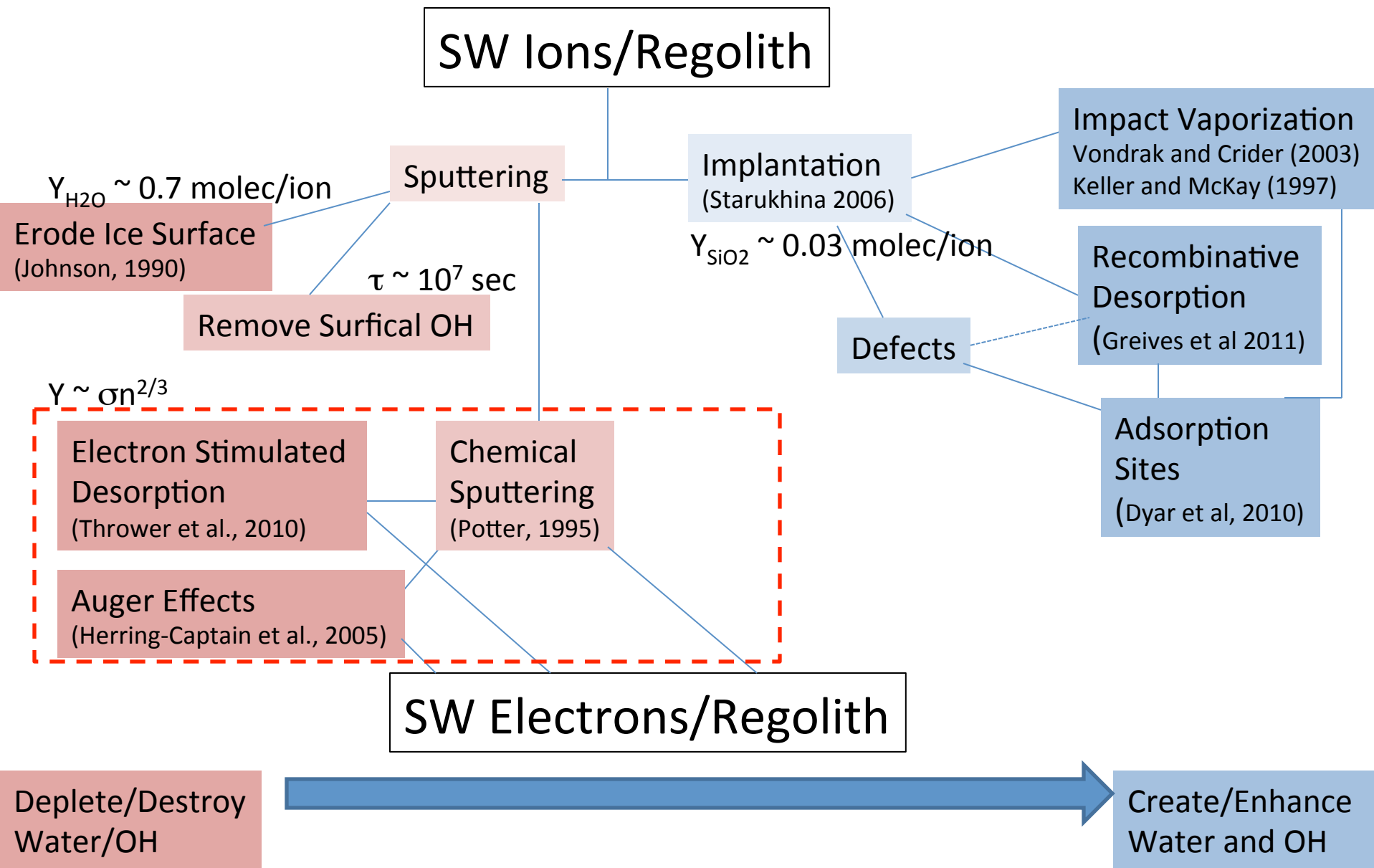
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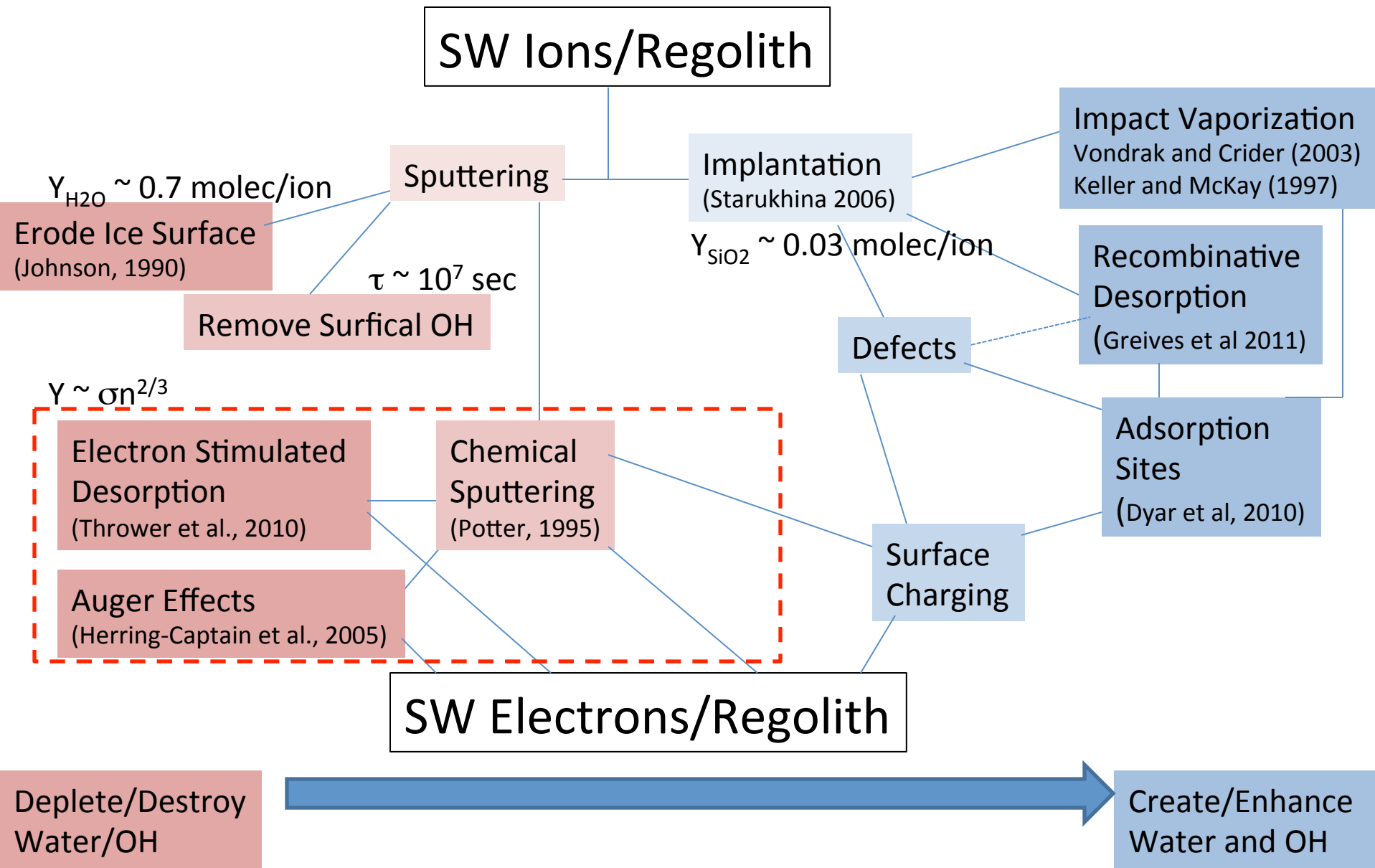
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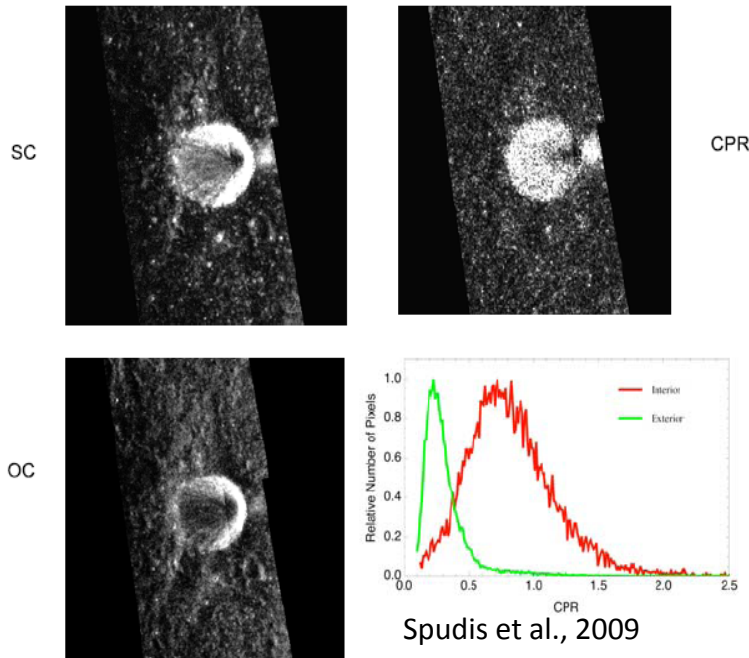
# Balance Sources and Losses

- No one pathway could be dominant: Not all from sputtering, not all from impact vaporization, etc....could be a balancing of multiple pathways

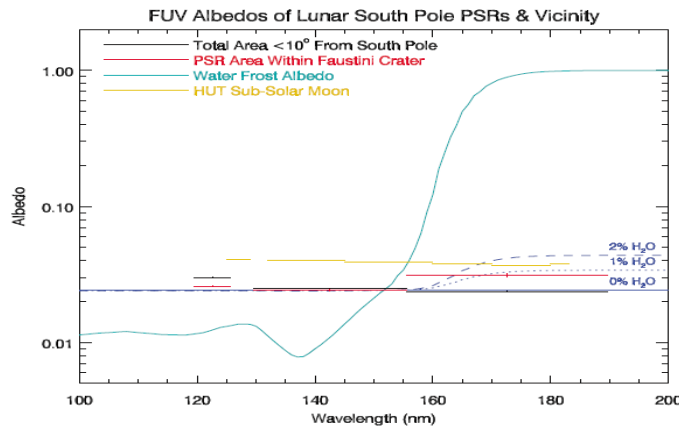
$$dn_{\text{OH}}/dt = \underbrace{\sigma_{\text{OH}} n_{\text{O}} n_{\text{H}} v_{\text{sw}}}_{\text{Implantation source}} - \underbrace{n_{\text{OH}}/\tau_{\text{photo}}}_{\text{photo-dissociation loss}} - \underbrace{Y_{\text{OH}} (5\text{\AA})^2 n_{\text{OH}} n_{\text{H}} v_{\text{sw}}}_{\text{sputtering loss}}$$

- Need OH and H<sub>2</sub>O Continuity Equation

Anomalous polar crater  
On floor of Rozhdestvensky, 9 km diameter, 84.3 N, 157 W



Spudis et al., 2009



Gladstone et al., 2012

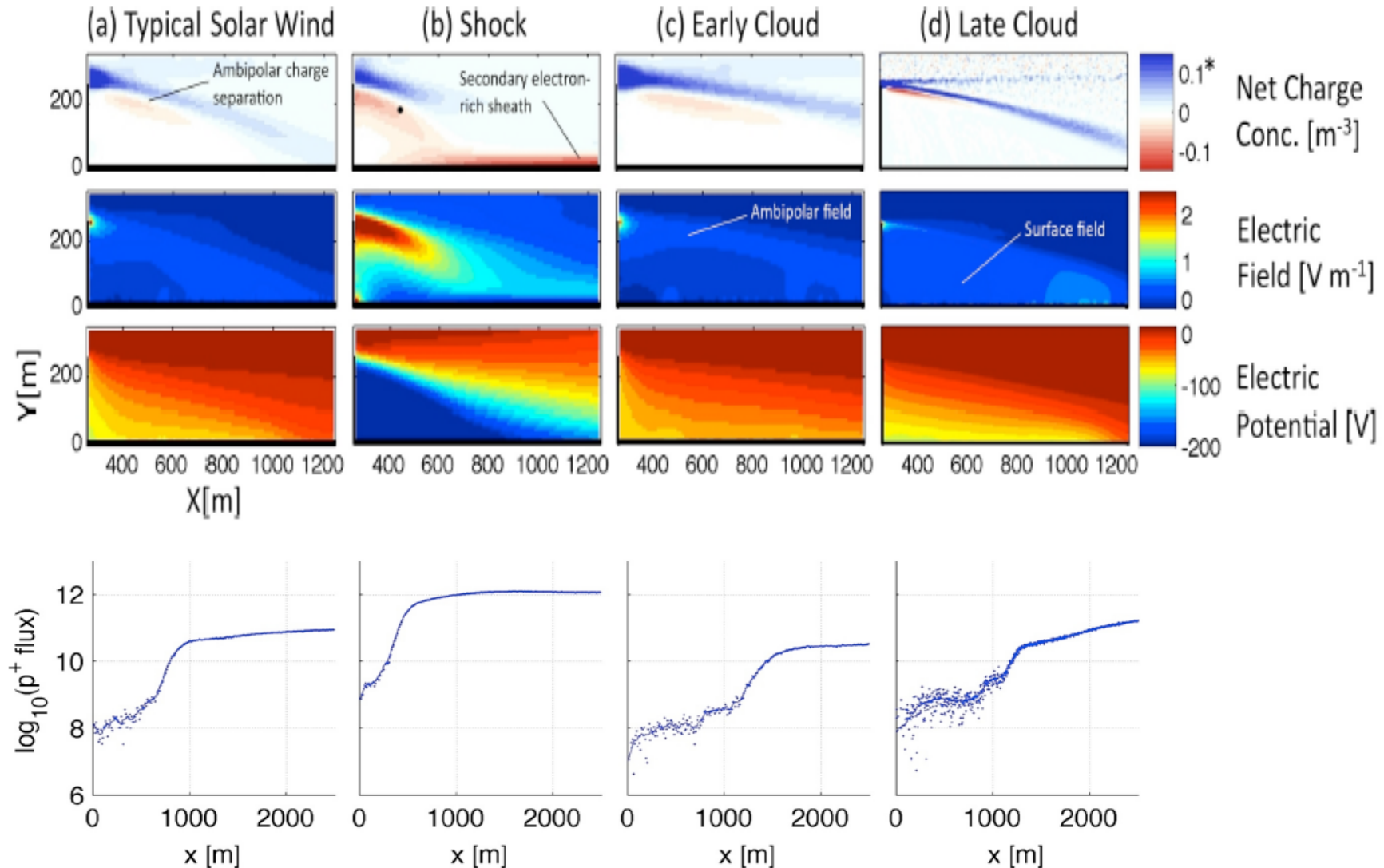
## Further Support:

- Chandrayaan-1 Mini-SAR observation of unusual CPRs from north polar craters looks like (apparent) ice concentrations [Spudis et al., 2009]
- LRO-LAMP Lyman- $\alpha$  albedo observations of a surficial frost layer [Gladstone et al., 2012]
- LAMP, NS/LEND, Mini-SAR all probe at different depths (surface, deep, deeper)
- Possibly two water layers – 1) surficial and 2) ~10's of cm deep....

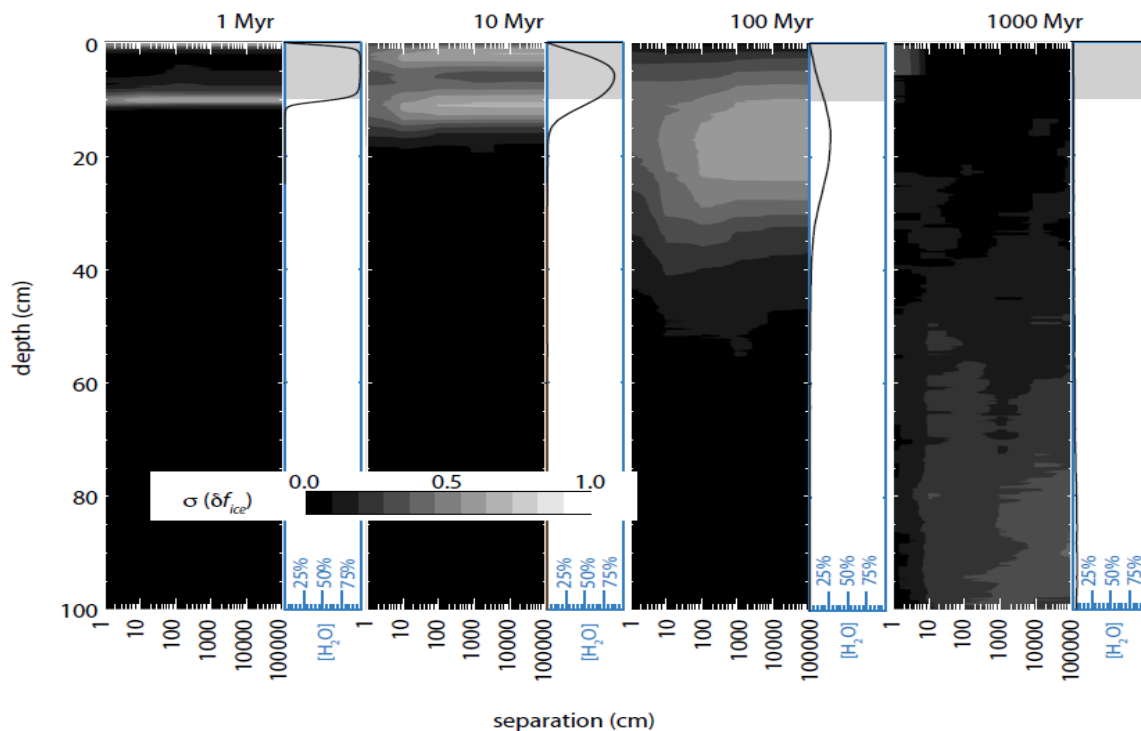


# Sputtering: Polar Crater Solar Wind Inflow

Zimmerman et al., 2012



# Impacts: Recent Polar Crater Weathering Model [Hurley et al 2012]



Progressively bury ice by impacts, but should also Create water vapor with Impacts

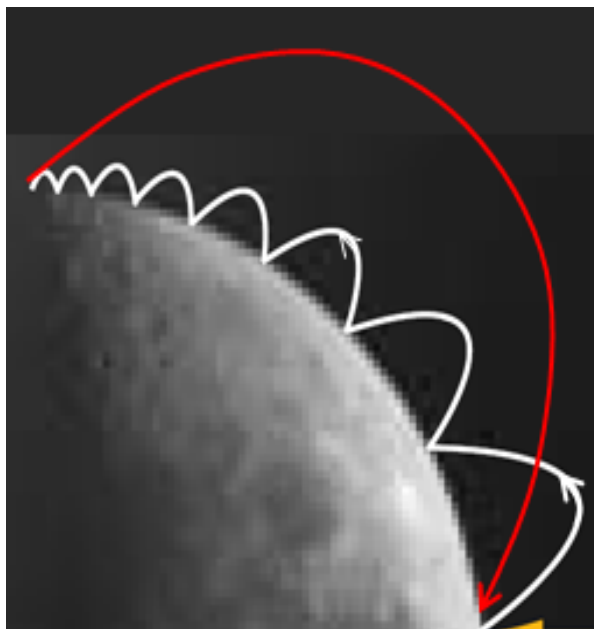
Weathering of polar ices

Figure 1. The standard deviation of the value of the concentration of ice as a function of depth in one column compared to another column separated by the amount on the x-axis for an ice layer that was 10 cm thick to start after (from left to right) 1 Myr, 10 Myr, 100 Myr, and 1000 Myr. For reference, the average concentration for the age is provided to the right of each plot.

# Atmospheric Load of the Water

- Polar source rate  $S < 3 \times 10^{18}$  H<sub>2</sub>O's/s
- Water mass rate of  $< 10^{-7}$  kg/s
- Released Water mass  $2 S \tau_w m_w \sim 0.02$  kg where  $\tau_w$  is the water lifetime ( or water photo-dissociation time ( $\sim 10^5$  s))
- Compared to mass of exosphere of 100 tons (Stern, 1999), this is 0.2 ppm
- Not a big load, so the effect subtle; a secondary process

# Two flows of water



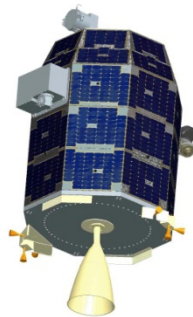
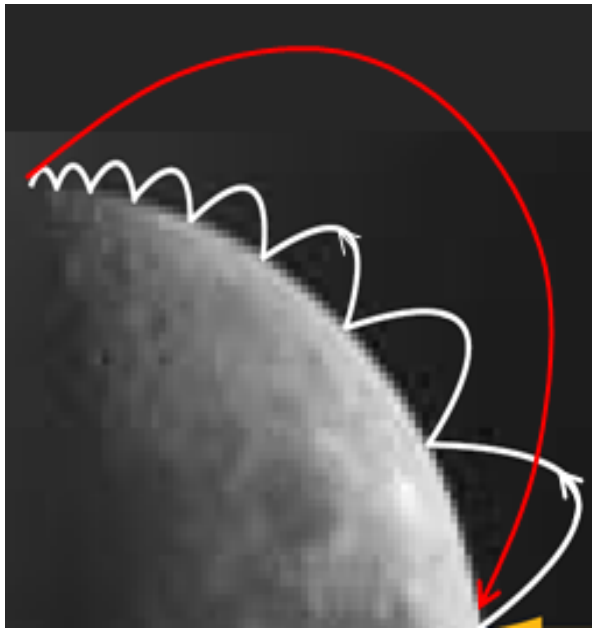
Modification of Vondrak and Crider (2003) figure

- High altitude energetic outward flow  $\sim 2$  km/sec
- Low altitude 'pole migrating' flow at few hundred m/s (surface Ts)

# Creation of a Veneer

- Total polar water source rate of 2S or  $6 \times 10^{18}$  H<sub>2</sub>O/s/sec
- Assume water distributed quasi-evenly over the mid-latitude region between 70-85° latitude (a band of  $10^{12}$  m<sup>2</sup> in the each of the north and south)
- Water mid-latitude infall becomes  $F_w \sim 3 \times 10^6$  H<sub>2</sub>O/s/m<sup>2</sup>-s (i.e., down-pouring rain from polar craters or side influx from lower latitudes)
- Nearly all of the H<sub>2</sub>O/s photo-dissociate to OH [Crider and Vondrak, 2000], and the OH sticks to the surface until it photo-dissociates
- **In as steady-state, water influx has to equal OH losses:  $F_w \sim N_{OH}/\tau_{OH}$ , making  $N_{OH} \sim 3 \times 10^{13}$ /m<sup>2</sup> or about ~ 100 OH's on each 1 micron grain**
- **Molar fraction of water  $\sim 3 \times 10^{-8}$  ...much lower than observed by M<sup>3</sup> IR**
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# LADEE & The Polar Fountain OH

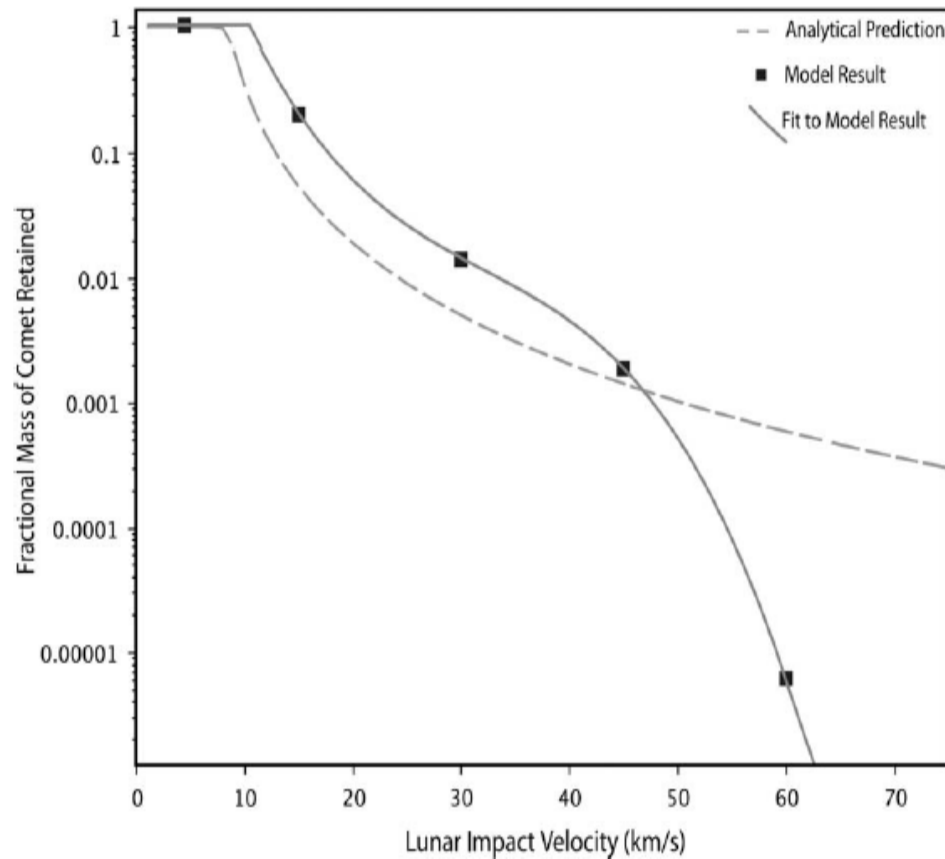


- For  $S \sim 3 \times 10^{18}$  Waters/s
- Density of exospheric water at  $n_w \sim 1 \text{ H}_2\text{O}/\text{m}^3$
- $n_{\text{OH}} \sim n_w T / \tau_w \sim 0.01/\text{m}^3$  where  $T$  is the transit time  $\sim 800$  sec in initial hop from pole and  $\tau_w$  is the water photo-dissociation time  $\sim 10^5$  s
- For LADEE UVS near equator pointing northward, with  $1^\circ$  FOV, and 100 km path length, should have  $\sim 10^{12}$  waters and  $10^{10}$  OHs along FOV...



# Polar Crater Trapped Water Source

*L. Ong et al. / Icarus 207 (2010) 578–589*



- Judiciously sidestep a primary question: Where did the water in the polar craters come from?
- Gladstone et al [2012] water frost suggests sources and sinks nearly equal
- Comets? [Ong, et al 2010]  $> 10^8$  tons over 1 Gya
- Just after comet release, expect rate of erosion in PCs to increase as well (if PC surface is 5%wt water, more water lost to space weathering)
- Solar wind conversion & collection [Crider and Vondrak, 2000]...less impulse, more benign
- We assume water present in craters and treat space weathering as a loss or eroding process

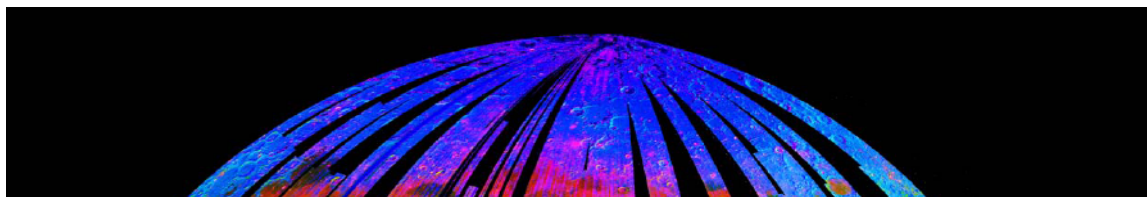
Ong et al, 2010 – as energy goes up, less comet mass retained

# Model Prediction of Water Exosphere over Polar Craters

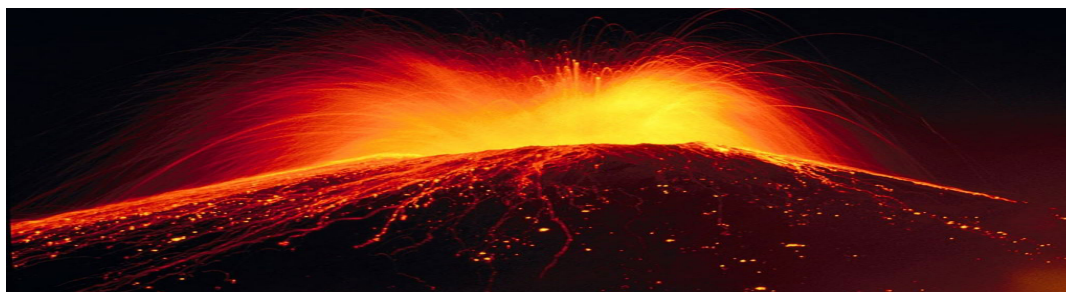
- Local exosphere of water with an upward flux of  $S/A_s \sim 10^{7-8}$  waters/m<sup>2</sup>-s directly over polar crater source regions like Shoemaker and Cabeus
- You may not have to go into the crater to get resources...they may rain down next to the crater
- A local Mg exosphere over Cabeus was observed via LCROSS prior to Centaur impact [Wooden et al. Wet v. Dry Moon, 2011]

# Motivation

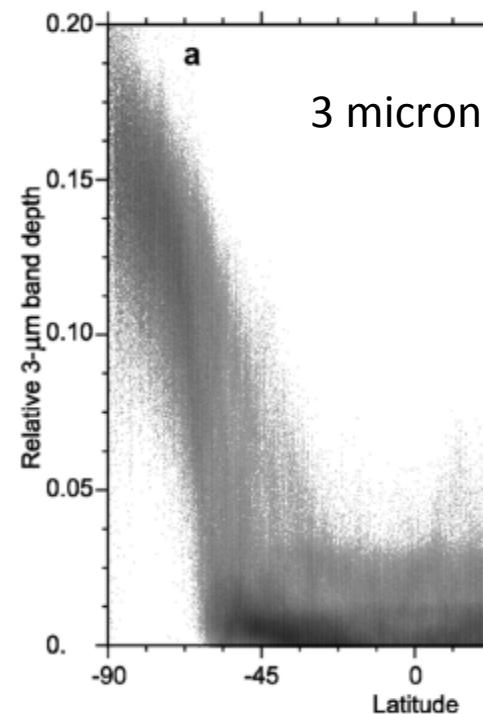
'Spillage may occur!'



Moon- spillage activated by harsh space environment



Volcano – spillage activated by geologic pressure



McCord et al., 2011





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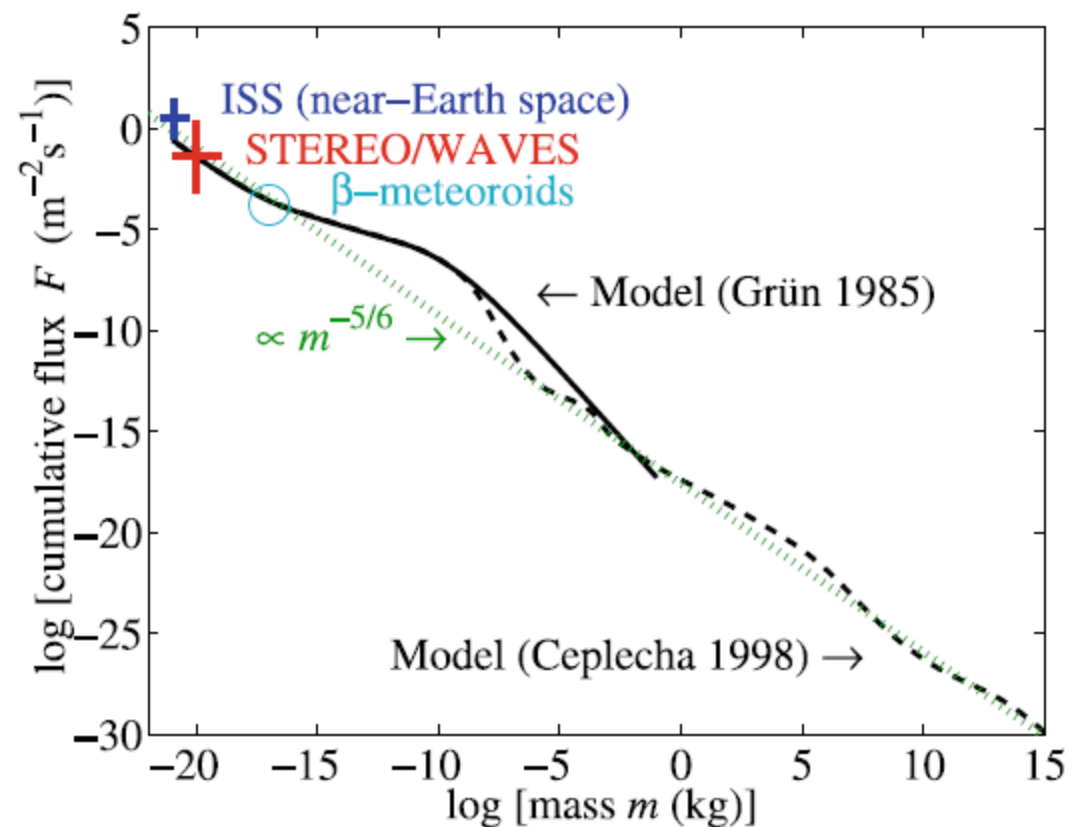


# Impactor Flux Levels

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**Figure 5** Flux of particles of mass greater than  $m$ . Our result, the ISS detection (Carpenter *et al.*, 2007), and the  $\beta$  meteoroids detected by *Ulysses* (Wehry and Mann, 1999) are superimposed to the interplanetary dust flux model (solid line, Grün *et al.*, 1985) and to the model derived from meteor and small solar system object observations (dashed, Ceplecha *et al.*, 1998). The green dotted line is a flux  $\propto m^{-5/6}$ , as expected for collisional fragmentation equilibrium (adapted from Meyer-Vernet, 2007).



# Interaction: Plasma/Regolith Interface

